

**STAFF MEETING MINUTES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2006
11:00 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Deb Schorr, Chair
Bob Workman, Vice Chair
Larry Hudkins
Bernie Heier
Ray Stevens

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

The Chair opened the meeting at 11:02 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

1 APPROVAL OF STAFF MEETING MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2006

MOTION: Stevens moved and Hudkins seconded approval of the Staff Meeting minutes dated July 6, 2006. Hudkins, Heier, Stevens and Workman voted aye. Schorr was absent from voting. Motion carried.

Schorr arrived at 11:03 a.m.

2 ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

None were stated.

3 BUDGET WORK SESSION - Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer

Don Thomas, County Engineer, gave an overview of the following (Exhibits A & B):

- ▶ Bridge Fund, Budget Worksheet Fiscal Year 2007
- ▶ Highway Fund, Budget Worksheet Fiscal Year 2007

Thomas said he has budgeted for 2.2 miles of new paving.

Thomas said the cost of a consultant for the East Beltway and sufficient design work to establish corridor protection for the project is estimated at \$500,000 to \$600,000 and said he and Roger Figard, City Engineer, believe the City and County should each invest \$250,000 for "seed money". Federal Aid will come back as a reimbursement against that amount. Thomas suggested that the agreement be structured similar to the original agreement for the beltway study.

Dave Kroeker, Budget & Fiscal Officer, noted that the Board has \$1 million budgeted in the Keno Fund for roads and said that could be used to fund the County's portion.

Thomas said he did not include paving of Yankee Hill Road between Street 40th Street and South 56th Street in the budget (estimated cost is \$270,000). He said Figard would like to see it done as a Rural to Urban Transportation System Program (RUTS) road and said suggested that the County enter into an interlocal agreement with the City, providing funding in the amount of \$270,000 to City and allowing the City Engineer to do the work.

Thomas expressed concern that the project to pave Arbor Road east of North 70th Street to provide access to a proposed motocross track at the Abbott Sports Complex is "development driven" and that priorities are being set within his budget that are not part of the normal road program.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said the project may be delayed, due to concerns on the part of the Abbott Foundation.

There was general consensus to indicate a willingness to pave the road if a "world class" motocross track is constructed and to continue to designate funds in the Keno Fund for the project.

Eagan said he will make sure that Doug Pillard, County Engineering, receives notice of Transportation Committee meetings.

Schorr asked, "If you had another half million, what would you do with it?"

Thomas said paving would be the easiest. He said another option would be to invest more than \$250,000 in the East Beltway.

Hudkins noted that the Board has "targeted" 4 miles of new paving and asked Thomas to bring back a recommendation on projects.

Kroeker presented the following (Exhibits C, D & E):

- ▶ FY06 Valuations & Tax Rates
- ▶ Lancaster County, FY07 Budget Summary General Fund
- ▶ General Fund Revenue Budget Summary
- ▶ General Fund Expense Budget Summary
- ▶ Possible Adjustments in Taxes from 7/11/06
- ▶ County's Share of City Budgets, Mayor's Recommended Budget 2006-07
- ▶ General Fund Miscellaneous, Health & Human Services (Agency 805)
- ▶ General Fund Miscellaneous, Justice System (Agency 628)
- ▶ General Fund Miscellaneous, General Government (Agency 612)
- ▶ Lancaster County, Year End Fund Balances From Budgets
- ▶ Lancaster County, Comparison FY0-7 to FY06 Expense Budget
- ▶ General Fund Expense Budget Summary
- ▶ Expense Budget Comparisons for General Fund Agencies

Hudkins expressed concern regarding Information Services' costs and services.

- ▶ Lancaster County Comparison FY06 to FY05 Revenue Budget

Hudkins exited the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

There was general consensus to send an email to the department heads and elected officials indicating that the Board wants to reduce the budget by an additional \$1.3 million and asking them to submit deferred expenditures and reductions to the Board by Wednesday, July 12, 2006.

Heier exited the meeting at 1:03 p.m.

Additional discussion took place regarding wording of the email.

4 EMERGENCY ITEMS AND OTHER BUSINESS

None were stated.

5 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Stevens moved and Workman seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 p.m. Stevens, Workman and Schorr voted aye. Hudkins and Heier were absent from voting. Motion carried.

Bruce Medcalf, Lancaster County Clerk